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10 INVENTION: DEVICE FOR THE LASER PROCESSING OF WORKPIECES

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DEAR SIR:

15 Amend the above-identified international application before entry into the  
national stage before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371  
as follows:

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20 Please substitute the specification in the file with the enclosed substitute  
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